(b) Exim Bank has reported that out of the existing total staff strength of 150, the number of scheduled caste, scheduled tribe and minorities staff is 21, 10 and 34 respectively.

(c) As per the information provided by Exim Bank, the backlog as on date in scheduled caste category is six and in scheduled tribe category is three. Against this backlog, four scheduled caste candidates and two scheduled tribe candidates have been selected for appointment by the bank. There is, however, no reservation for minorities category and therefore, the question of backlog in this category does not arise.

M.R.T.S.

6077. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Delays raise MRTS cost by Rs. 1,000 crores' appearing in the 'Economic Times' dated November 22, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. Any delay in implementation of the MRTS could lead to escalation of project cost. However, the project implementation has started only very recently.

(b) and (c) The MMRTS project is scheduled to be completed by 2005 A.D. All efforts are being made to adhere to the time frame fixed for implementation of the Project. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., a joint venture of Government of India and Government of NCT of Delhi, has been set up for implementation of the Project.

The Loan Agreement for the project has been signed by the Government of India with OECF (Japan) in February, 1997. Besides this, the land acquisition process has also been started by the Government of Delhi. The appointment of General Consultant for the Project has been taken up by DMRC Ltd.

Development of Municipalities

6078. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have identified municipalities in different States for the urban poverty alleviation programmes for providing civic amenities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) This department is implementing the following three schemes for urban poverty alleviation in the country:-

(1) **Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP):** This scheme applies to all class II urban agglomerations in the country with a population between 50,000 to 1,00,000 as per the 1991 census as also to special category Urban agglomerations in the North-Eastern States, Hill States, and Garhwal and Kumaon region of Uttar Pradesh. The total number of Urban agglomerations covered under this scheme throughout the country is 424.

(2) **Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY):** This scheme applies to all urban towns in the country not covered under PMIUPEP.

(3) **Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP):** This scheme applies to towns selected by the State Governments and approved by the Union Government for this purpose. The scheme currently applies to 353 towns throughout the country.

[Translation]

Drinking Water Schemes

6079. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where drinking water schemes with Indo-German Cooperation are in progress in Rajasthan and the names of the places where potable water have been made available;

(b) the amount sanctioned for these schemes and the total estimated expenditure to be incurred, scheme-wise; and

(c) the latest position of these schemes and by when these are proposed to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The Government of Rajasthan has reported that an Integrated Water Supply, Sanitation and Community Participation project is under implementation with Indo-German Cooperation in 325 villages and 2 towns of Churu and Hanumangarh districts.

(b) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 253.01 crores, which includes German assistance of DM 135 million. The break-up of the total estimated expenditure to be incurred on the project is as follows:

1.	Technical	-	Rs. 214. 71 crores
2.	Non-technical	-	Rs. 19.00 crores
3.	Consultancy	-	Rs. 19.30 crores
	Total	-	Rs. 253.01 crores